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**Subject:** [CCSS] FW: Message #37: Institute 8 on AR Ideas

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**To:**

Dear Arkansas educators:

Recently, the Arkansas Science Teachers Association hosted Dr. Stephen Pruitt, coordinator of the development of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), at a luncheon in Little Rock. This one-hour presentation is a recording of that event and is now available on AR Ideas.

Here is a description of this presentation:

Institute 8 - Updating the Development of the Next Generation Science Standards

Target Audience: All educators

This one-hour presentation is a recording of Dr. Stephen Pruitt addressing the Arkansas Science Teachers Association during the 2012 Arkansas Curriculum Conference. A dynamic speaker, Dr. Pruitt is Vice President for Content, Research, and Development at Achieve, Inc., where he is coordinating the development of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In preparation for the spring 2013 release of the NGSS, he describes the development process, supporting resources, and the structure of the standards. He explains the three-dimensional nature of the NGSS student performance expectations that will include science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas. To emphasize how NGSS will change science instruction, Dr. Pruitt compares a current middle school standard to a sample NGSS middle school standard and provides an example of how high school students could demonstrate understanding of ecosystems using a unit entitled Lake Algae. His message is clear: we, the science education community, have an opportunity to "unlock the future" of not just a select few, but all students.

To view this video and download the presentation materials (PowerPoint), follow this link. <http://ideas.aetn.org/commoncore/institutes>  
Scroll down to the bottom of the page, finding this information under Institute 8.

Please forward this information to other fellow educators in our state!  
Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas!

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